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### **AREA PUBLIC MANAGERS ATTEND LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS WORKSHOPS**

DAYTON, Ohio, October 18, 1976 -- The Master of Public Administration program in the department of Political Science of the University of Dayton is currently sponsoring a series of workshops for public managers in municipalities, counties, public school districts and other jurisdictions in the Miami Valley Area. James Alloway, Dayton's City Manager, and Dayton Police Chief, Grover O'Conner were the featured speakers at the Labor Management Relations Workshop, Tuesday, October 19.

Workshop topics include Labor Management Relations, Public Sector Productivity-measurement and improvement and problems in Public Sectors. The aim of the workshops is to help public managers cope with the increasing demand for better services in face of shortage of funds and a high resistance to tax increases. Workshops will deal with the subject of unionization, especially in view that the trend toward collective bargaining has sharply increased within the public sector. According to Dr. Henry Anna, Director of the Master of Public Administration Program, public managers should be able to deal effectively with the problems of productivity as regard human resources without effectively increasing costs.

The coordinator of the workshops is John S. Thomas, presently consultant to the National Center for Productivity and Quality of Working life in the Public Sector Programs. He was previously Deputy Director of Budget, City of New York, overseeing a city wide productivity program. He also has been employed by Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc., and the United States Steel Corporation. John Thomas is author of the booklet, "So Mr. Mayor, you want to improve Productivity."

The workshop has received funds from the Ohio Board of Regents to assist in meeting the cost of promoting this high-priority program.

Many officials currently in public service in Miami Valley and the city of Cincinnati are currently enrolled in the workshops. These workshops are being conducted from October through January on the campus of the University of Dayton and will be repeated for a new set of participants in February through April.